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College selects Texas JC president to replace Jensen

Vivian Blevins will be the first woman chancellor in RSC's 76-year history

By F. Colin Kingston
el Don News Editor

IRVINE - After an extensive search spanning several months, RSC announced the hiring of a new Chancellor, Dr. Vivian Blevins who will assume her post Nov. 4, replacing Dr. Robert D. Jensen, who left to head the Contra Costa Community College District.

Blevins is currently CEO of Lee College in Baytown, Texas. She has served that institution for the past five years.

She said she is a "bush shaker and risk taker" who "is very opposed to negative politics - good old girl and good old boy politics."

The first female chancellor in RSC's 76-year history, is a role she is used to, she said. "I've been

the first woman to be CEO and Tenured Associate Professor at Lee College. I'm the only woman in Texas who is president of a community college. It's my life. It [being a woman] does place a burden though. Research shows women have to run harder."

"I think people who are in tune with community colleges today realize the importance of role models. I think I was selected because I am competent and have a track record of proven results.

Blevins said, "I was not selected to fill some sort of affirmative action need."

Admittedly, Blevins said, she is still learning about RSC. "So far, 50 lbs. of information has been mailed to me about Rancho. California seems to be a state with lots of rules and regulations - many more than I am used to."

According to Blevins, she began forming her goals and objectives for RSC six months ago. Each

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New chancellor Vivian Blevins

Education

Controversial Trustee resigns amid rumor, speculation, turmoil

By Debi Carr
el Don Editor in Chief

ADMINISTRATION, SANTA ANA - Rudolfo Montejano, a controversial RSCCD board member who in recent years has come under political scrutiny and is currently the object of an ongoing grand jury investigation, resigned from his post and is leaving the state.

At 53, Montejano, an influential Santa Ana attorney, decided that "life in the fast lane" was perilous after being diagnosed with diabetes in 1990, sources said. He maintains that his health is the only reason he resigned.

Montejano was raised in Santa Ana's Delhi barrio and achieved the success of a powerful attorney and lobbyist. His career in community service began in 1967 when he was appointed to a seat on the Santa Ana Unified School District board and for the past 21 years, served as trustee to the Rancho Santiago Community College District.

In 1984, he helped form the Santiago Club, a community service organization which donates money in the form of scholarships to various schools.

According to Shirley Ralston, board president, "Rudy has raised countless thousands over the years to help Hispanics continue their educations."

Montejano's resignation comes during an ongoing investigation by the Orange County Grand Jury, in which Montejano is alleged to have illegally pressured Santa Ana city officials over the construction of eight oversized billboards which exceeded city codes.

Two City Council members reported testifying, but the District Attorney's office

David Thomas/ *el Don* photo

TRAGEDY - Orange resident Phillip Dean A'lurede was pronounced dead at the scene when his vehicle collided with a dump truck traveling westbound on Chapman Ave. near RSC's Orange campus.

Collision kills Broadmoor Park man near Orange campus

By David Thomas
el Don Staff Writer

ORANGE - A resident of the Broadmoor Park Homes was killed Sept. 25, just west of the RSC Orange Campus after being hit by a dump truck traveling westbound on Chapman Ave.

Philip Dean A'lurede, driving a 1990 Honda Accord, was turning from eastbound Chapman Ave. onto northbound Broadmoor when the collision occurred. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the 1986 Peterbilt asphalt

dump truck was, Ruben Guzman Mendoza, 25 of Anaheim. Mendoza was traveling westbound on Chapman.

Construction vehicles routinely pass by the RSC campus. Brian Krebs, an RSC student said, the trucks are too much of "a hassle." "There should be a private road for those trucks."

Carl Bortumarkle, another RSC student said, "I live in the canyon near Irvine Lake and the trucks always cut me off; they carry gravel and sometimes it spills out causing broken windows."

Orange Police Officer Shawn O'Toole, of

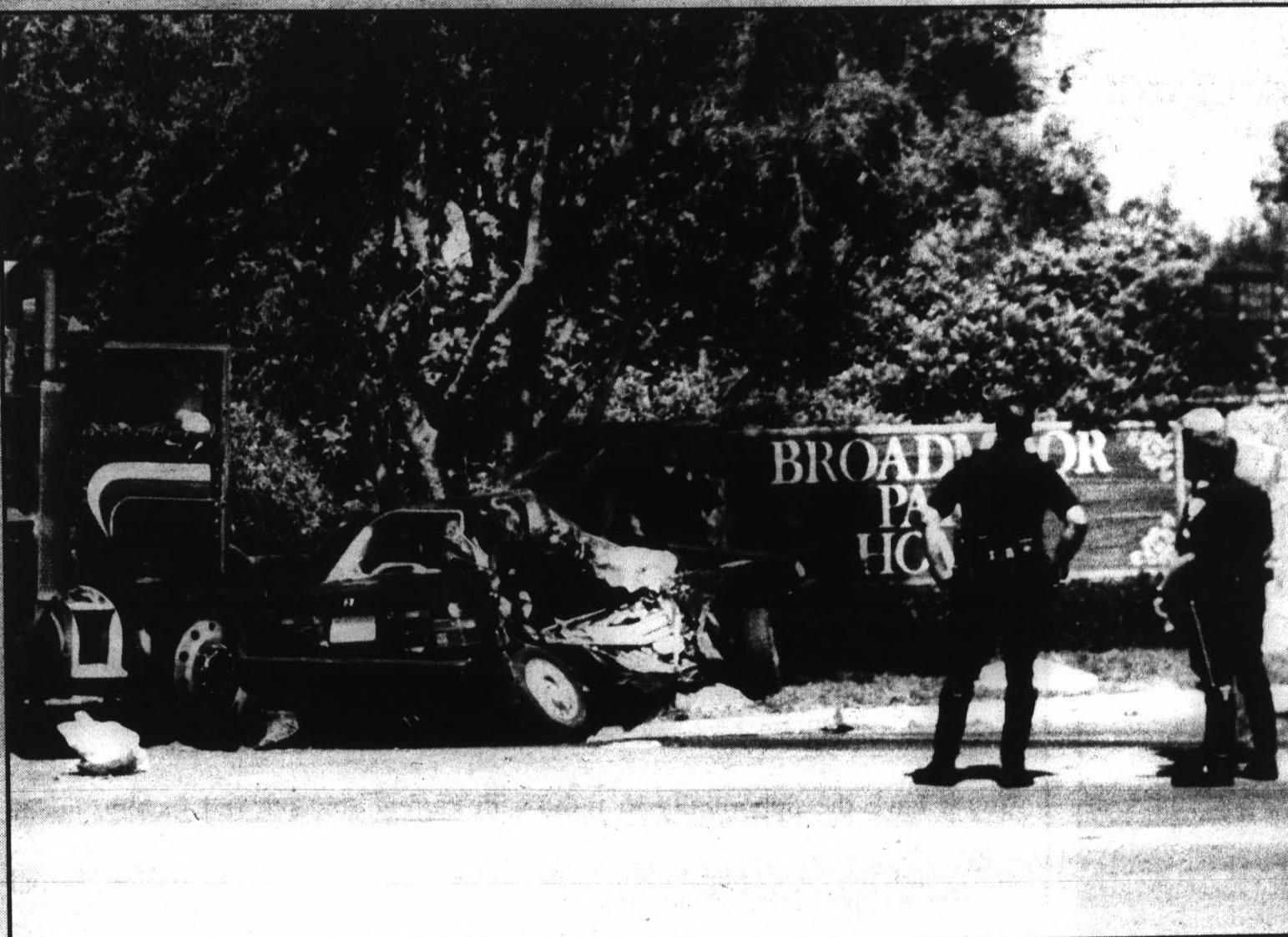
the traffic investigation division, said, "The accident is probably the first major accident we've had in that area in probably the last year and a half."

O'Toole added, "Until we are done with the entire investigation, we cannot be sure who was at fault. The same speed laws apply for the dump truck drivers as regular drivers the only other laws are that of equipment standards," he said.

The investigation is still pending, according to police sources.

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Fatal crash...



College Wire**Harvard tops U.S. News'****list of best colleges**

(CPS) - The Ivy League fared well in the U.S. News and World Report's fifth annual survey of the nation's best colleges.

Harvard University was ranked first, followed by Yale University, Stanford University, Princeton University, California Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duke University, Dartmouth College, Columbia University and the University of Chicago.

The magazine rated the schools on the basis of test scores, graduation rates, faculty-student ratios, academic reputation and student satisfaction.

In terms of best buys, the five schools with the lowest tuitions were the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (\$6,642), Rice University (Texas, \$7,770), University of Virginia (\$8,950), University of California at Berkeley (\$9,973) and University of California at Los Angeles (\$9,973).

Student Cleared of Rape Charges

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - A University of Rhode Island student has been cleared of charges he raped a woman at a fraternity party last fall.

A grand jury decided against indicting David Lallemand, a Tau Kappa Epsilon pledge at the time of the rape.

Prior to the grand jury hearings, a judge dismissed charges against Lallemand when the victim, 18 at the time, told him that she remembered Lallemand touching her, but "from then on I'm blank."

The woman had told police that she was raped in a bedroom in the Tau Kappa Epsilon house while at least five men watched and laughed.

Finally, A Gift To Die For...

LORETTO, Tenn. (CPS) - Ever met someone with so much school pride he wanted to take it to the grave?

Well, now he (or she) can.

Ken Abercrombie, owner of Loretto Casket Co., has started marketing college caskets. The idea came about as Abercrombie prepared for a summer convention. He offered the caskets to die-hard Tennessee, Alabama, Auburn and Georgia fans.

The casket company drapes a \$2,000 casket in the colors of the deceased's alma mater, complete with team logos in full color on white velvet that fits inside the lid.

Abercrombie says he plans to market the caskets nationwide "as demand dictates."

He says the caskets have already received a tremendous amount of attention. Most of it, however, has come from the media.

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SANTA ANA CAMPUS - RSC is helping students achieve greater success with essay writing and research papers through a new service known as The Writing Center.

Programs such as this one have operated across the nation in colleges and universities to give students a helping hand with grammar and writing skills.

Currently the center is only available to students enrolled in English 060, 061, and 101 who need additional help outside of the classroom. In the future RSC hopes to expand the program and accommodate all students requiring such help.

The center supports the student's English class and is not designed to substitute for missing a class. The program works like a tutorial, but the tutors are actually full-time English instructors. The staff is there to help with writing skills but they do not proof-read papers or help actually write the assignment.

Students can walk-in anytime during the center's hours. No appointment is required.

Equipped with six computers, a laser printer and a lab technician on duty during all hours of operation, the center is able to assist students with

research papers from beginning to end. All that is required of the student is a floppy disk and the desire to write a good paper.

The proposal for this type of service was made by Dr. Roseann Cassiola and Betty Dixon.

Cassiola and Dixon said they worked on the proposal for years because there is a need for more personal assistance for remedial and second language students as well as other students who want to improve their writing skills.

Instructors see the results instantly. They receive weekly reports, based on information logged by the technician. The data shows what areas students are working on and enables the Center to help with curriculum requirements.

Student response to the center is positive. On the morning we visited there were six students waiting for the doors to open at 9 a.m.

Dawn, a returning student enrolled in English 101, finds it hard to put her thoughts together to form a paper and says the center gives her a "jump start." Her first response when asked about the center was, "I love it. It's great!" She likes the per-

sonal one-on-one attention she gets from the staff.

Maribel, a nursing student, says she likes the center because "everything is clear and easy to understand."

Jim Harris, chairman of the English/ESL Department says, "We're off to a good start. The number of students attending is rising. There are many individual problems that can't always be addressed in a class session so students have a second opportunity to get the help they need."

The center is planning to offer special events such as lecture/workshops on documented papers (November 14) and poetry. They also have a faculty poetry reading scheduled for October 30. Check with the center for additional information regarding these and other events planned throughout the semester.

Located in room D-110, fall semester hours are Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 3-6 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Kathy Gutierrez, lab technician, is on duty during all hours.

English instructors are on duty 15 hours for additional assistance.

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meeting brings something different. As a result, "Even things I drafted three weeks ago need to be added to and modified."

"My first obligation," she said, "is to learn to work with the employees, board, students and the community. The health, well being and success of RSC is not just the responsibility of the chancellor, the faculty, board or students. It is all of our jobs. People have to realize we have all chosen to be here. We should choose to make it positive."

Blevins said she will maintain an open door policy to deans, faculty members and students alike. It is a policy that led to some changes at Lee College when students concerns were found to be warranted.

"Students, of course, are the consumers. They have a right to voice concerns about what is delivered to them. I will listen and talk to the appropriate people. I won't run over the top of faculty members or deans, but I will listen," she said. However, Blevins added, "If the ship is going down you don't call a meeting."

According to Blevins, she is a strong believer in positive reinforcement, but "some people set very low level goals. In that case you have input into these goals. If those goals are not met you work with them." But unfortunately, she said, "sometimes you just have to wait until some people retire."

Some of Blevins past accomplishments include the introduction of 14 new credit programs, increased enrollment through involvement in recruiting, initiated a series of cost cutting measures, a college credit program for inmates at the Pine Mountain Forestry Camp and an early retirement program.

Community service is a major part of Blevins life. She said, "I am a doer. I like community work, I really do. I don't have any young children. My husband has his own life. Work is my life."

Blevins' husband is an embalmer/undertaker who is currently looking for work in Orange County. She has two sons attending college. Blevins signed a four-year \$120,000 per year contract.

Board votes in local businessman to replace Montejano

By Doreen Clark
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA CAMPUS - Faced with the possibility of spending \$155,000 on a special election, RSCCD board members selected John Raya was from eleven candidate, beating an Oct. 3, election deadline.

Raya will serve the remainder of Montejano's term which is up in November 1992 and then be eligible to run as an appointed incumbent on the ballot in the '92 general election.

A 38-year-old plumber/general manager, Raya is married and has three children. He serves on the board of directors for the Orange County Chapter of the Hispanic

Chamber of Commerce and is a member of both Kiwanis Club and the Santiago Club.

"I have a real desire to contribute to the community," Raya said. "Fall of last year, I applied for a seat on the Santa Ana Unified School Board," but was defeated. Raya said he knew a trustee seat would be coming open and decided to try it.

With the large population of Hispanics at RSC questions were raised regarding their representation and Montejano had been the only Hispanic board member.

Board members agreed that ethnicity does not make a trustee.

Each one said they [trustees] represent the entire district not a particular group. They are elected

by the people to serve all of the people.

Pete Maddox said, "More important than ethnicity is the ability to be a trustee." He said it could do more harm than good if the replacement is chosen based on ethnicity.

John Dowden said, "There isn't a 'Hispanic' seat or a 'woman's' seat..." each trustee represents everyone.

Shirley Ralston, board president said "There is half a million people in the district and the trustees should represent all in the district."

According to Maddox, input from the community is the most important factor. As a trustee he needs input from people to do his job.

"All the candidates are extremely qualified," said Brian Conley, "and any nationality would be able to represent Area 1."

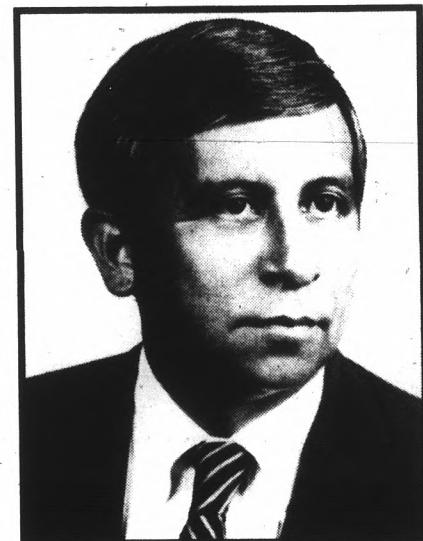
According to Raya, his "primary concern is for all students." But he also wants to "redefine some of our educational issues." He said that drop out rates among Latino students are some of the highest. "It's a societal concern."

He said that he would like to show students that role models don't always have to be movie stars, they can be engineers and plumbers. He wants to give them "tangible goals."

"Because of the numbers we represent in the community, we must do our fair share in leadership," he said.

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Former RSCCD trustee
Rudy Montejano

has never confirmed the investigation. Montejano denies any wrongdoing and maintains that he has never been called to testify.

Montejano's notoriety also comes from a three year battle between Santa Ana city officials, Rancho Santiago College and the Santiago club over the el Mercado, a swap meet which until last spring was held on the Santa Ana campus.

The conflict arose when the Santiago Club approached the college in 1987 asking that they be permitted to operate a swap meet. The college agreed and later that month

the Santiago club signed a separate contract with Norton Western Lt., who professionally manages swap meets in two states.

Norton Western Ltd., is owned by Rick Norton who dropped his affiliation with the Santiago Club shortly after being elected to the Santa Ana City Council. He had no affiliation with the college.

The city of Santa Ana spent three years attempting to close the el Mercado citing that the college property fell under the jurisdiction of city ordinances.

But the college maintained that it was district property and exempt from city zoning laws, according to Shirley Ralston, RSC board president.

Ultimately, the state appellate court found the college property on which the el Mercado was held violated city ordinances because it was operated in a residential neighborhood.

Those opposed to the swap meet operation suspected a conflict of interest between parties.

Charles W. "Pete" Maddox, RSCCD trustee and chronic gadfly in the quest to end Montejano's term was pleased with the news of the resignation. "Yahoo," he said.

Montejano could not be reached for comment.

Professor becomes standup comic for laugh research

(CPS) "A fellow comes up to me at a party, and he says, 'I understand you're a doctor-do something medical.' Pause. 'So I made him wait.' Laughter. 'And then I bailed him for it.' More laughter.

When it's a good night on the comedy club circuit, America's Laugh Doctor is knocking them dead. Cliff Kuhn is giving the audience a cure for their blues. It's magic, almost chemical. They love his jokes! They love him!

And then there are bad nights when the audience is unresponsive, too embarrassed for him to even to titillate. He's stumbling in blind panic, trying to come up with a feeble joke, anything that will make the act okay again.

Flopsweet, it's called. A standup comic's worst nightmare.

But the bright nights in comedy clubs are more than just gigs to Kuhn, who went on the stand up circuit this year to do in-depth research on laughter and its role in healing.

His specialty as a professor of community psychiatry at the University of Louisville School of Medicine is finding out why mind-body interaction is so important to people with chronic ailments, such as rheumatoid arthritis, and life threatening illnesses like cancer.

So, with the blessing of the school, he went on sabbatical to study laughter, which has proven to be good medicine.

"I was always a frustrated comic in one way or another," he said.

Kuhn said he actually started working with standup comedians to learn the tricks of the trade when he began holding laughter workshops for patients with chronic conditions that defied the treatments of modern medicine.

In recent years, researchers have found that laughter actually helps relieve some symptoms.

"Laughter raises the tolerance of pain. It also stimulates the immune system," said Kuhn. Laughter boosts T-cells, natural killer cells. "They're in more abundance with those who laugh more. It's been well documented that laughter is a valuable tool for eliminating stress and tension."

In order to present live comedy materials at the workshops, Kuhn started hanging around comedy clubs.

"I asked so many questions about the techniques of comedy that the comics threw the gauntlet down and said, 'You've got to get up there.'"

Gulp. So he did.

"It was a kick. I thought I was the best comic since Bob Hope. It was the second time that was bad," Kuhn said.

"I do love it, but I really love my work in psychiatry too. I have a serious commitment to bring this back into the medical community."

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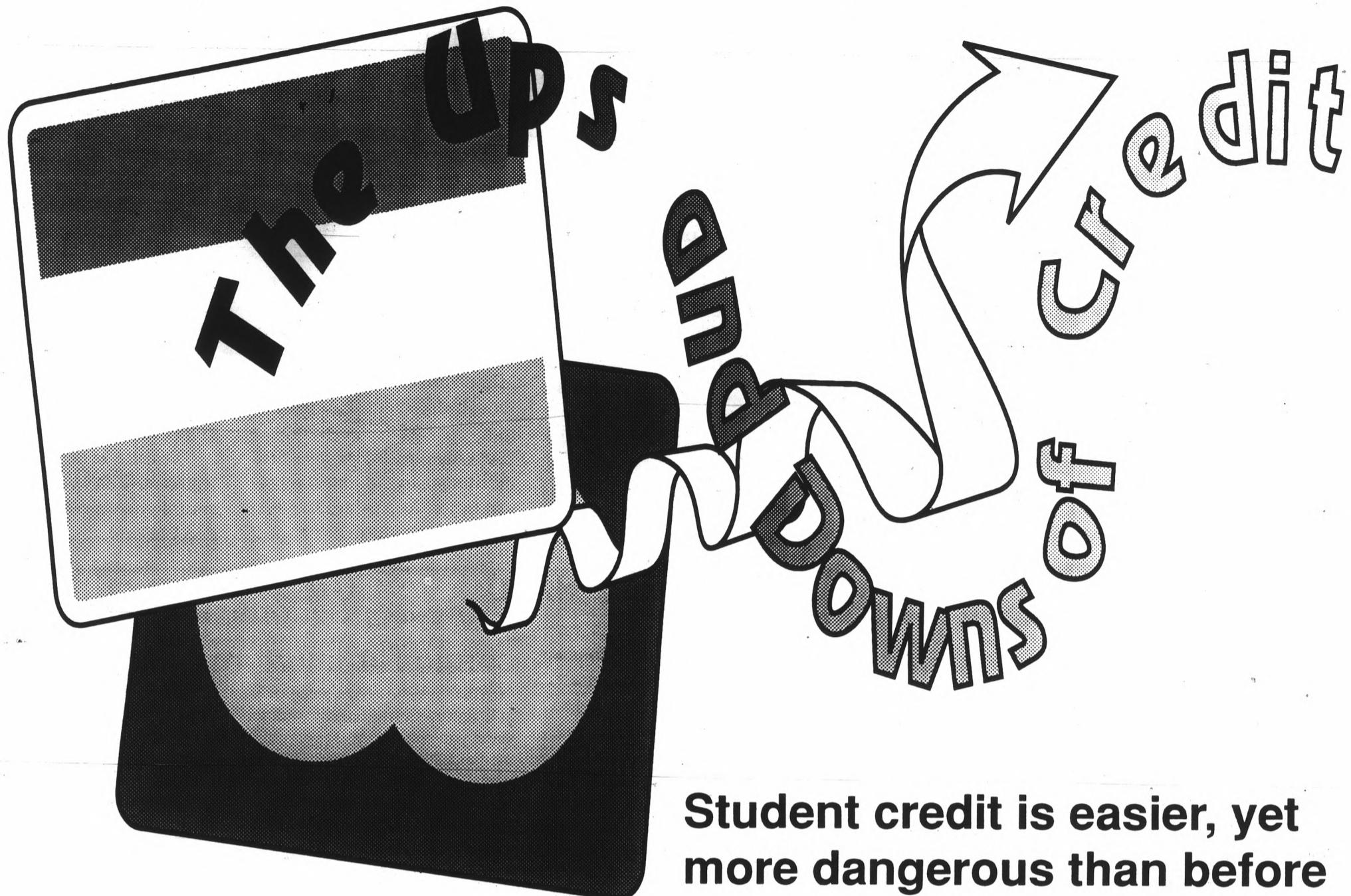
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Student credit is easier, yet more dangerous than before

By Amy Reynolds
Special to the el Don

(CPS) - The student loan check arrives, but the money always seems to run out before books are bought and fees are paid.

No problem. Charge them.

An outfit that's perfect for a weekend date is on sale, but it's still just out of spending range.

Charge it.

The car breaks down. It needs a new gizmo.

Charge it.

In the college world of the 1990s, students are equipped with more than mom's chocolate chip cookies and clean sheets when they arrive on campus. Most have discovered that they shouldn't leave home without a major credit card.

"We've found that students go on to be some of our best customers," said Gail Wasserman, American Express public affairs manager. "They perform no differently than our other chargeholders."

College Track Inc., a New York research firm that specializes in the college financial market, estimates that about 68 percent of undergraduates possess a general credit card, according to March 1991 figures.

An estimated 4 million students are cardholders, according to estimates by banks, card companies and Credit Card News, a trade magazine. Figures from June 1990 show that about 40 percent of all students own a specialized credit card such as department store and gas cards.

The 68 percent figure shows a 7 percent increase since 1988, and

College Track Vice President Jim Knepper says that increase "is almost exclusively because of the (marketing) push" by creditors.

Although 7 percent may not sound like a lot, that figure represents an increase of 1.3 million people, according to Credit Card News.

Some of the most common cards held by students are Discover, Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

"What we did about a year ago was start a nationwide direct-mailing campaign and a 'Take One' display campaign for students," says Amy Sudol, spokeswoman for Chase Manhattan Bank, one of the largest student Visa and Mastercard creditors nationwide. "It was an excellent move for Chase to expand into the student market."

"We made credit available when people need it the most."

Chase isn't the only one. American Express has enticed students for a couple of years now with a bonus card membership - airplane ticket vouchers that give students significantly discounted airfare rates.

"We figure students travel a great deal so this is a way of giving them a benefit based on their lifestyle," Wasserman said.

Most of the credit and charge corporations offer students the same card benefits that other members receive, such as purchase protection, extended warranties and insurance on rental cars.

In addition, Chase, American Express and others also send student cardholders quarterly magazines and other publications that give them credit and money management tips.

"In school you're learning to budget a lot of things - Time, expenses and credit

- for the first time. We think (American Express) is a good first card because it's a pay-as-you-go system," Wasserman said.

American Express charges cardholders an annual fee (\$55) to have the card and members avoid interest by paying their entire balance at the end of each month. Visa, Discover and Mastercard sometimes charge a smaller annual fee, but they always offer cardholders the option of paying off their balance at their own pace at a varied monthly interest rate. The rate is currently estimated at about 18 to 20 percent.

Students "have been very responsible users of credit," Sudol says.

Not only have students proved to be a stable short-term credit risk while in school, students also tend to pay off in the long run.

"Students, as they come out of school, will be making more money," Knepper says. "if (companies) can influence them now, they will most likely have customer for life."

College Track estimates a student's monthly average bill at \$94. Knepper says students have the same approximate default rate on credit cards as other adults.

Still, some worry about the temptation first-time cardholders face. Many students offer testimony to back-up those concerns.

The Ohio State Daily Lantern quoted senior Mary Ann Wargo as saying: "I used (a credit card) for my tuition, and then my car broke down and I had to use another card. Next I started buying clothes, and now my credit is up to the limit." Wargo owes about \$1,500.

University of Maine student Tony Sierra wound up owing \$2,400 on his

Visa and Discover cards.

"I told myself I'd be rational with the cards, but then you start to think of it as a layaway. You get what you want and pay for it later," Sierra told The New York Times.

Sierra and Wargo are not alone.

Paul Ebert, president of the Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Central Ohio, says although the number of students in credit trouble isn't unusually high, some do encounter difficulties.

CCCS of Central Ohio is part of the National Foundation for Consumer Credit which helps people solve debt problems, provides counseling and can establish debt repayment plans between people and their creditors. The service is available nationwide except in Wisconsin, which is currently working on establishing offices.

"Having credit takes a lot of self-control," Ebert says. "Students don't have the substantial funds to pay (cards) off when they load them up."

"For students, the emergency aspect is what you need a credit card for - not for daily expenses. It's tempting to use it for tuition, books, groceries, clothes ... but you will pay for yesterday's sins tomorrow."

Many institutions allow students to charge tuition, fees and books. A number of grocery stores and movie theaters now accept cards.

"We'll take the credit card payments over the phone," says Stephanie Swaford of the Indiana University Bursar's Office. "About a third of our students charge their tuition." At Indiana that cost runs about \$1,500 a semester for in-state, and \$4,000 for out-of-state students, she says.

Editorials

Staff Editorials

Whatever his sexual proclivities, Thomas is unfit for Supreme Court

We applaud the Senate's decision to postpone the vote on Judge Clarence Thomas's appointment to the US Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court may be short-handed for a while longer, but if the amount of work Thomas has done while on the US Court of Appeals is any indication of what he is likely to contribute to the high court, his presence or absence is not likely to matter much.

Meanwhile, the allegations of impropriety that have been raised in the last few days should be investigated. They may amount to nothing. But the time to determine whether that is the case is before Thomas is made Justice-for-Life.

We still believe that, when the final vote does come, Thomas should be rejected. If the latest charges are true, Thomas is not morally fit to sit on the high court bench or even the Court of Appeals, but even if they are not, he is neither intellectually nor ideologically suitable to be a guardian of the Constitution.

We're glad to see Rudy go, but we're not sure about Raya

We are pleased that Rudolfo Montejano, the embattled Santa Ana lawyer, has finally resigned from the RSC Board of Trustees. Montejano may or may not be guilty of any of the allegations made against him. But when a member of the RSC Board is under the shadow of a possible indictment, the reputation of the RSC board, and the college itself, is damaged.

We are not so pleased, however, with the way his replacement was chosen.

First, he was chosen by the board rather than the voters. The Board rushed to choose Montejano's successor because if they didn't appoint a replacement by October 3, the voters--you and me--would have to do so. A special election would have cost the taxpayers--you and me--\$155,000. We think that democracy, although sometimes expensive, is worth the cost.

Second, we understand that some of the trustees felt that Montejano's successor, like Montejano, should be Hispanic. They have coyly said both that ethnicity should be a factor and that it shouldn't; that it was and it wasn't. We have no objection to one member--or all--of the Board being Hispanic. But we don't think any governmental post--whether on the local school board or the US Supreme Court--should be reserved for members of any ethnic group. When a government official or governmental board appoints somebody to a position, that person's race or ethnicity should never be a factor, not even a small one.

Finally, we note that John Raya, like Montejano, is a member of the Santiago Club. The Santiago Club claims to be a charitable organization which supports education, especially for Hispanics. But nobody seems to be willing to say exactly what it actually does. We do know, however, that politico-businessman Rick Norton, a non-Hispanic non-student political ally of Montejano's, has been a big beneficiary of the club's past connections with RSC.

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No fault found with insurance plan

PAUL D. HUGHES

State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi is looking more and more like Robert Fulton every day. Garamendi's "folly" is no-fault insurance.

Everybody says it won't work, but there would be definite beneficiaries of Garamendi's plan: you and me. We buy the policies, we eat the rate hikes, we vote for what we think will be our will and then we see it held up in court for years.

The no-fault plan is simple: We the people get insurance for about \$350 per year, insurance companies pay the bills for their own rate-holders, and shyster lawyers have to go out and find real jobs.

Under no-fault, in minor accidents (which constitute the vast majority of all accidents), medical

bills, lost wages and property damages would be paid by each person's own insurance company.

Lawsuits for nebulous and expensive "pain and suffering" would be prohibited, but damages for serious or permanent injuries could still be sought.

Insurance companies could not raise a person's rates merely because a claim was filed, because no determination of fault would be made; hence "no-fault."

Garamendi has been accused of supporting the insurance companies because he supports no-fault. But private consumer groups including Consumers Union, the Consumer Federation of America, Latino Issues Forum, and the National Insurance Consumer Organization also support no-fault. It would be quite a stretch to say that all of those groups are on the side

of the insurance companies as well.

There are six million uninsured motorists in this state. The primary reason for this is even the legal minimum in auto insurance can cost a driver with a good record upwards of \$1,000 per year.

No-fault solves that. The law would mandate that basic insurance policies would cost around \$300 bucks. Drivers wishing to purchase additional coverage could do so.

No plan is perfect. But no-fault is the best thing on the market right now, and at least we wouldn't have to endure the pain and suffering of listening to lawyer's commercials!

If no-fault doesn't come to fruition, it won't be for lack of trying on the part of John Garamendi. As a matter of fact, if we don't get no-fault, we'll know whose fault it is: our own.

Your right to be vulgar defended

By William Stewart Thomblison
el Don Editorial & Opinion Editor

US District Judge Claude M. Hilton is to be commended for his defense of freedom of expression and the George Mason University chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity condemned for their exercise of it. George Mason University officials suspended the fraternity chapter after some of its members, dressed in women's clothes, appeared on stage as part of its "ugly woman contest." One of the Sigma Chi brothers padded his chest and painted his face black.

Hilton said the suspension was unconstitutional. "One of the fundamental rights secured by the First Amendment is that of free, unen-

sured expression, even on matters that some may think are trivial, vulgar or profane," he said.

Hilton is right. While we should, as a general rule, try to avoid offending others, we all have a right to be offensive.

A statement, gesture, or (as in the case of the George Mason U. fraternity brothers) clothes and make-up are offensive if they offend somebody--and somebody might be offended by anything whatsoever. Hence, if the state could prohibit offensiveness, it could prohibit anything whatsoever.

Some people have argued that the right to not be offended balances or outweighs the right to free speech. But there can't be any right not to be offended, since at

most only one person could have such a right. For suppose there was something which, if I said it or did it, I would offend one person, and if I didn't say it or do it, I would offend somebody else. Clearly, somebody's right to not be offended would be violated--if there were such a right.

In contrast, my right to free expression cannot interfere with anybody else's right to free expression, including their right to say that they think that I am vulgar or offensive (or simply to disagree).

Of course, the right to freedom of expression is a right against the government including state-controlled schools). When the men of Sigma Chi go home, their parents can still try to teach them some manners.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is always a pleasure to see "The El Don" interested in classes, workshops, and programs here at RSC that promote self-development among our students. Consequently, I commend Mike Sabol for initiating and writing the article "Re-entering students find New Horizons at RSC," in the September 27 issue.

I am aware of how difficult it is to synthesize accurately an interview, especially when referring to abstract

concepts. Nevertheless, I feel the need to correct at least the implications from the headline. Assertive Self-development" is not a "program" as states, it is one of two classes taught under Counseling, not under New Horizons. Although I counsel/work in the New Horizons student support program, I am officially a counselor and teach under the Counseling Division. Further, as for the human services "program," that was phased out in 1984.

Perhaps terminology does not seem significant, but accuracy in writing (especially headlines) is. The interview focused on the Assertive Self-Development class, not New Horizons. Perhaps someday, El Don can do an interview about New Horizons! It's one of many outstanding programs here at RSC, and deserves recognition. Thanks for thinking of us.

Gloria Davenport
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Upward bound women hit glass ceiling

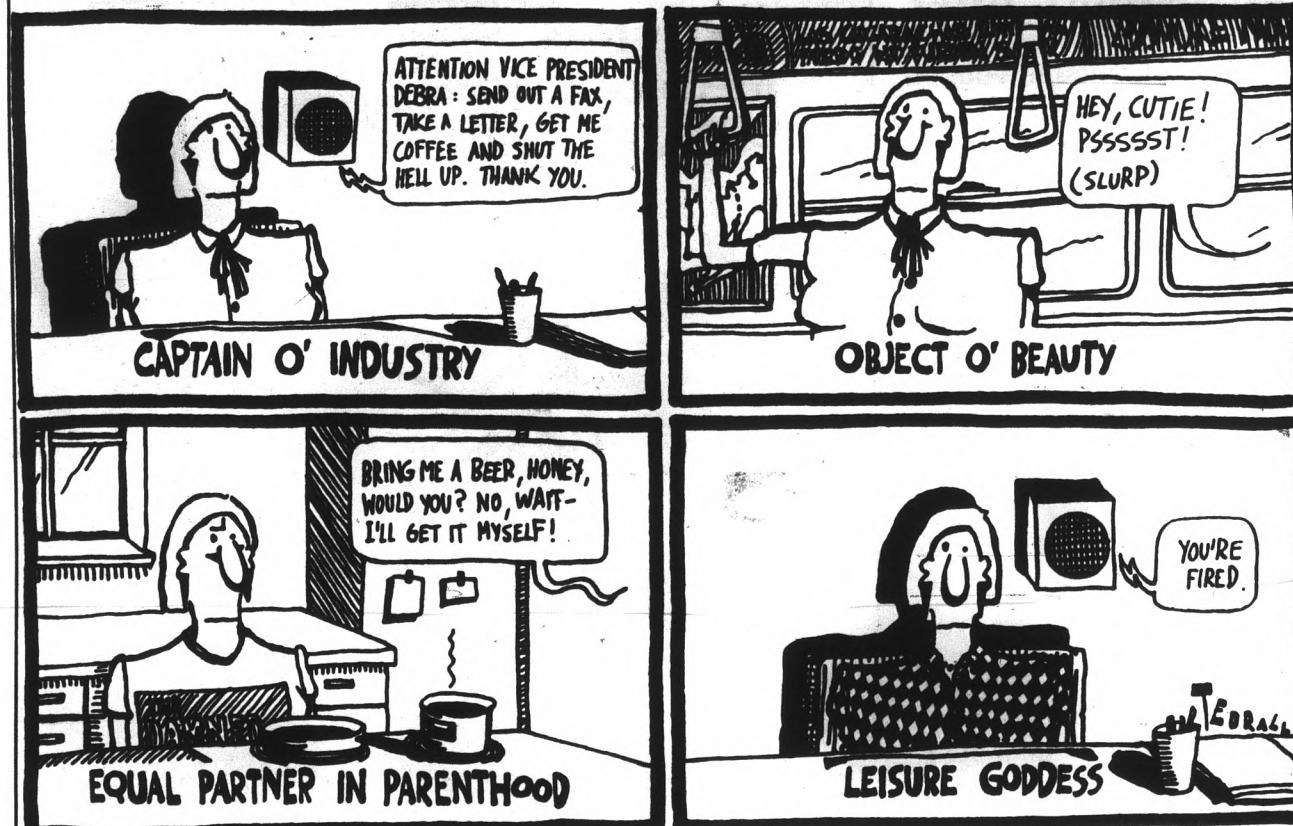
AUDRE SOIFER

Besides competing for equality of pay, benefits and career development with men in the work force, women have another obstacle to overcome. Enter a phrase relatively new to most in the work place, "The Glass Ceiling". This phrase is meant to describe the invisible barrier women come up against while trying to climb the corporate ladder. This obstacle is transparent to most workers. In a five-month intensive study of 24 corporate women published in "Across the Board", Liz Roman Gallese states that the glass ceiling is located at upper middle level management positions.

Most employers figure the best "man" for a top management job is a man. Not necessarily so. But a woman has to fight an institution as strong as super glue. The "old boy network" is a tough nut to crack, in more than one sense.

Women have the same leader-

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ship abilities that men have. The problem is the old double-standard. Qualities that are acceptable and valued in men, such as the ability to set goals and motivate employees, are often perceived as lacking in women. In the same respect, an aggressive man is praised, but an aggressive woman is not tolerated. She is considered a "ball-breaker." Women executives also receive mixed signals in speech, body language and decisions of top management.

This may have been okay twenty

women in the work force has grown dramatically. In 1950, only one third of women over the age of 16 held jobs. In 1990, over 57 percent of women were working outside of the home. A survey presented in "Working Age," an American Association of Retired People newsletter, states that "the participation rate of women ages 45-54 has increased from 37.9 percent in 1950 to 71.2 percent in 1990 and of women aged 55-64, from 27 percent to 45.3 percent." The Hudson Institute projects that 64 percent of the new entrants into the labor force in the next

decade will be women.

Top executives who hold onto negative stereotypes must realize that they are wasting the full potential of their female employees. The smart executives of the future will evaluate workers based on their qualifications, not their gender, and understand that the best man for the job just might be a woman. A significantly larger number of female executives display leadership qualities than their male counterparts and are to be reckoned with. No more lip service!

Falwell U. students discover meaning of Liberty

By William Stewart Thomblison
ed Don editorial & Opinion Editor

When I was taking a course on the Reformation, my teacher told how, fresh out of graduate school, she applied for a job at a small Baptist college, and told the chairman that she was a Roman Catholic. Not only did that not bar her from employment at the school, she said, but they paid her extra to be the women's field hockey coach...and she still had the blazer.

The Baptist Church used to be a bulwark of religious liberty, a tradition that goes back to Roger Williams. Segments of the Baptist Church, however, are turning their backs on the principle of freedom of conscience.

Recently, Baptist-related Liberty University, of Lynchburg, Va., kicked out three Christian students because of their religious views or practices. Jerry Falwell, of Moral Majority fame, whose is the school's chancellor, had recommended he expulsions.

Exactly why the students were told to leave is not clear. The students, their lawyer, and a pastor say that they were expelled for worshipping at a United Pentecostal church, while the school holds that they were dismissed for failing to obey the school's rules. The two accounts, however, are not necessarily incompatible, since Falwell has said that Liberty's student are not at liberty to worship at United Pentecostal churches.

In fact, according to Falwell, Liberty students are not at liberty to regularly worship at any off-campus church without the school's written permission.

The school also accuses the students of "proselytizing." "We have a solemn obligation to parents and pastors to see to it that their sons and daughters are exposed to mainline, evangelical instruction and that they do not become victims of cultic or heretical influence," Falwell said.

Baptists are not unfamiliar with proselytizing--but when they do it, they call it "evangelism."

Maybe Falwell thinks that the Biblical imperative, "Go... make disciples of all nations," applies only to Baptists. One of the students says that they were asked to swear that they would not proselytize off-campus as well as at Liberty. "The off-campus part was going to far," he says.

The students also plead "not guilty" of proselytizing on campus. "If someone asks me my religious beliefs, I think I have the right to share them," one of the students said.

If Liberty University were completely privately funded, I would be among the first to support the right of Falwell and his cohorts to be as silly as they want to be--and the right of the rest of us to point out that they are making Jack-asses out of themselves (again) and a sham of the Gospel.

But it is not quite that simple. Liberty University is tax-exempt, which means that those of us who do pay taxes are subsidizing the bigotry at Falwell's university.

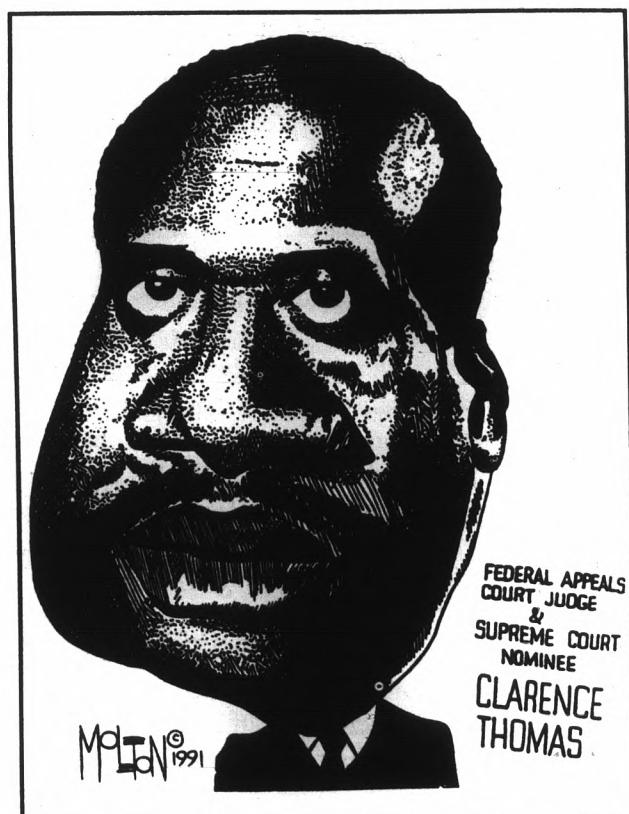
Some philosophical reflections on nature of law

W. S. THOMBLISON

The proposed elevation of Judge Clarence Thomas to the US Supreme Court, like the rejected nomination of Judge Robert Bork, has raised questions about the nature of natural moral laws.

Bork, it seems, adheres to legal positivism, a philosophy of law which denies the existence of natural moral laws, while Thomas has long held that there are natural laws (although he now says that they have nothing to do with judicial interpretation--that is, that they aren't really laws after all). Now some of the people who opposed Bork because of his denial of natural law are also opposed to Thomas because of his view of natural law. Supporters of Bork who now also back Thomas claim that this is inconsistent--while conveniently forgetting that, if this were so, their own position could be hoisted with their own petard.

The critics of Bork and Thomas, however, are not necessarily inconsistent. Compare their position to that of a



physics department charged with hiring a new professor. One candidate doesn't think there are any objective truths in physics--that anything anybody says about light or gravity, for example, is as good (or bad) as anything anybody else says. The next candidate believes that there are objective truths in physics, including the flatness of the Earth and the inflexibility of light.

The first is that the laws of nature can somehow be discovered by pure reason--that is, without actually looking at nature. The second is that, since they are so easily discovered, they must have been discovered long ago. Both of these mistaken ideas have been used as props to support archaic social systems and reactionary political regimes.

Physics is an empirical study and therefore subject to constant

revision. As philosopher Karl Popper once said, if ever there was a scientific subject that had been confirmed by repeated observation, it was Newtonian physics, yet we now know that it wasn't correct. Just as we would not trust a physicist who thought that he could arrive at the physical laws of the universe by pure reason or that they could be found in some ancient tome, so we should be suspicious of a natural lawyer who has analogous ideas about his discipline.

Jeremy Bentham, the father of legal positivism, was right in denying that the dead-weight of tradition should be sanctified as natural law, but wrong in denying that there are any such things as natural law. Although most moral philosophers would now say that utilitarianism is seriously defective, it had the great merit, as Bentham himself and his followers realized, of making moral questions empirical questions, to be answered by the same methods of observation and experimentation that have proved so successful in physics. But physics is a search for natural laws. Ethics and natural law should be, too.

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ABORTION Whose Right?

By Paul D. Hughes
el Don Staff Writer

We want catch-phrases that allow us to obscure the fact that we are murdering babies at the rate of 2 million a year (5,500 per day, 230 per hour, 4 per minute).

A baby in the womb meets all the biological criteria of life (growth, adaptability, excretion, etc.). But we do not care.

A baby in the womb has a beating heart within 20 days of conception; the brain is functioning three weeks later.

After two months, a baby in the womb only experiences growth. No new organs, no new limbs, no nothing. The only change from then until the day that human life ends (either by abortion or by natural causes) is growth.

The DNA coding that appeared in a nanosecond at conception determines all physical and structural characteristics of the human. We are talking about life.

I will be accused of being "anti-choice." I am not anti-choice. I am for making responsible choices regarding sex. Barring the correct choice there I am in favor of choosing to accept responsibility.

I will be labelled "anti-abortion." I am proud to be placed in this category. I am "anti-abortion" like I am "anti-beating-old-ladies-to-death-with-clubs."

I will be accused of wanting a victim of rape to bear an "unwanted child" (Hmmm, I thought it wasn't a child). I will be sternly informed that incest is a scourge on our society (so is the abortion holocaust) and that bearing a child (there's that word again) compounds the pain.

Wrong. Rape and incest are not sex, but violence. Any "pro-choicer" will tell you that. They rarely result in pregnancy and when they do, we do not end the hurting by killing the baby. Less than 1% of abortions committed result from either. In any case they do not justify the present legal situation allowing abortion through the ninth month.

But what about the life of the mother? Such a factor as the baby as a potential physical threat to the mother's life is an exception that may have to be taken into account. Self-defense can arguably be a reason for taking a life. However, we do not kill 2 million of our young per year for this reason. This possibility should not sanction slaughter.

Have we as a nation become so depraved that we will kill a baby for the convenience?

Pro-abortionists say that a baby's right to life is limited by other factors. But I thought it wasn't a baby. I thought it was a fetus. How can something have no rights, then some? Is a baby worth less than a BMW? In this country, apparently so: It is far simpler to destroy the baby.

We seem to care more about whales and trees than we do about human beings. Wanna be a hero? Save a whale. Fight for the life of someone unable to fight? You are a menace: we have jails for people like you.

Two months after the baby emerges from the womb murder would be a capital offense. Two months before and it is legal to kill it. With salt. Or a vacuum. Or a knife.

A baby cannot clothe itself, feed itself, keep warm, or clean, or free from disease. It is completely dependent. There is no difference between that baby and a baby in the womb. A baby in the womb has every moral right to expect its life to be preserved and we have a moral duty to preserve it.

If a baby in the womb is not alive, how does that baby grow? If not alive, whence comes the beating of the heart? If not alive at conception, then when? If you do not know, should you not err on the side of caution until you know for sure?

A baby's life is not defined by our wholly inadequate perception of the extent of that life. Has not a child eyes? Has not a child hands? If you cut him, does he not bleed? If you kill him, does he not die?

By William Stewart Thomblison
el Don Editorial Editor

A Kansas health professional, mother of two, a Sunday school teacher, says, "I don't think I could ever have an abortion, but I do think the choice should be mine."

Sometimes the most important problem is to say precisely what the problem is. So it is with the abortion debate.

You can consistently support freedom of choice and oppose abortions, just as you can support freedom of speech without endorsing everything anybody says. Unless we are free to do things others do not like, things that they might even despise, we are not really free at all.

Anti-choice advocates often argue that abortion should be illegal because it is "murder" or "baby killing." No civilized society permits murder. But it is not quite that simple. Almost everybody is against murder, but there is no such consensus about abortion, which shows, at the very least, that it is not obvious that abortion is murder—that is, unjustifiable homicide.

Here, it seems to me, is where the abortion debate far too often takes a wrong turn. One side argues for the ridiculous position that a mere fertilized egg is a human being, with all the rights and privileges of you or me, while many on the other side argue for the equally ridiculous position that a fetus has no claim to human dignity, even minutes before it is born. If the minutiae of fetal biology could settle the question, then all competent biologists would agree about abortion; but clearly they do not.

A somewhat more promising approach was taken by Judith Jarvis Thomson in an essay published two years before the US Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade*. Thomson assumed, for the sake of argument, that the fetus is a human being, with all the rights and privileges attaining thereto, then argued that a pregnant woman still has a right to detach it from her body, even if that results in its death. The crux of her argument, if I understand it rightly, is that opponents of choice attribute greater rights to the fetus than any reasonable person would attribute to an adult human being.

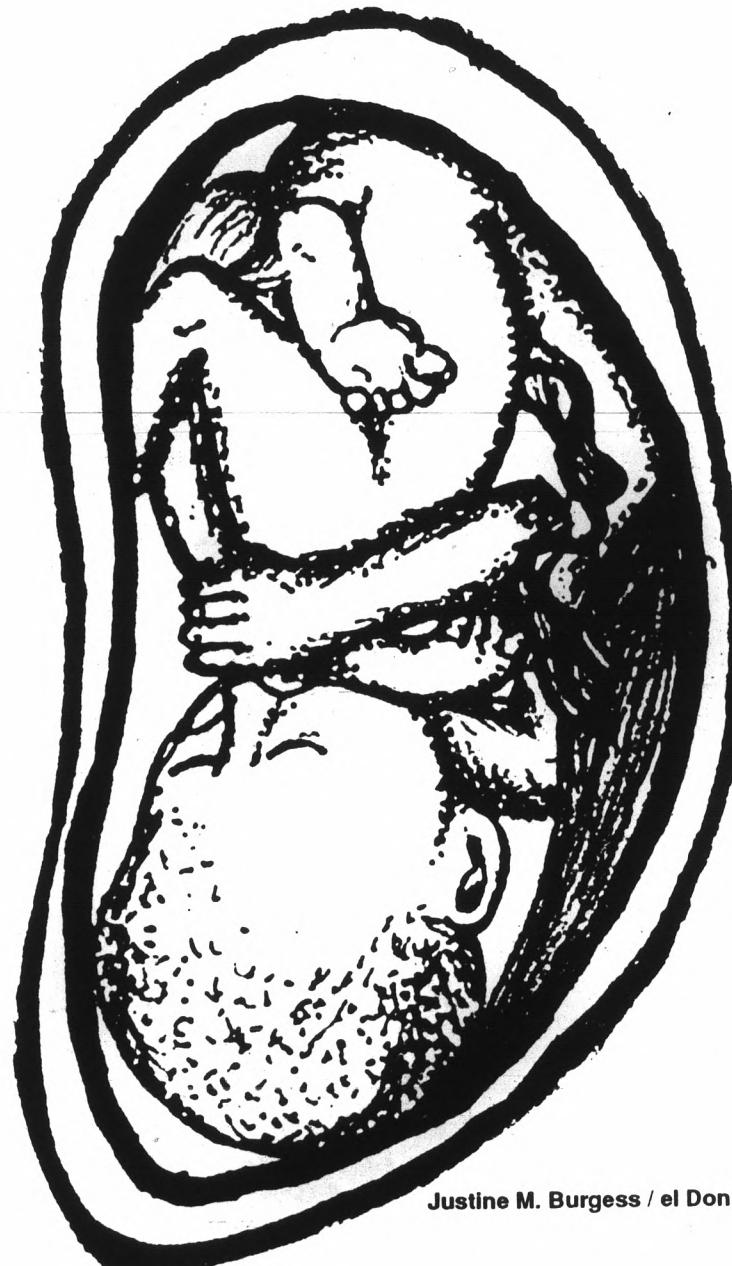
Thomson's paper, much-discussed among professional philosophers, has had little impact on the public debate. Perhaps this is because Thomson makes several nice distinctions, while the public likes its ethics simple.

The right to life, she says, does not entail a right to take or use anything necessary to sustain life. Surely she is right about this. My right to life does not give me the right to use your property. Why, then, should we suppose that a fetus's right to life gives it the right to use a woman's body without her permission? Thomson says it doesn't.

Perhaps the most famous of her arguments involves an analogy between a pregnant rape victim and a person who has been forcibly attached to an ailing but talented violinist. If you were attached to the violinist, she says, you would have a right to detach yourself, even if he dies as a result. Likewise, a pregnant rape victim also has a right to detach the other person from her body.

Another of Thomson's analogies supposes that if a certain pollen-like thing floated into your house and settled in your carpet or sofa, it would develop into a person. Would you have a right to uproot one, if it got in despite your best efforts to keep them out? Thomson says that you would, for it would have no more right to use your home than a thief who broke into your home. But this situation, she thinks, is morally analogous to that of a woman who gets pregnant because of a failure in birth-control.

We may not always agree with the decision a pregnant woman makes. But that does not mean that the decision is not hers to make. If somebody else can force us to allow other people to use our bodies, even our right to life won't be worth much.



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'Ted is dead,' is what he would have said

By F. Colin Kingston
el Don News Editor

It is with great sadness but fond memories that the el Don marks the passing of a childhood friend - Theodor Geisel - better known to the world as Dr. Seuss. Seuss died on Sept. 24 at the age of 87. He may be gone but such beloved friends as the Cat in the Hat, Yertle the Turtle, the Lorax and the Grinch will live forever.

Seuss' first book "And To Think I Saw It On Mulberry Street" was published in 1937. Many of his books including "The Cat In The Hat," "Green Eggs and Ham," and "Horton Hears A Who" are considered classics. "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" airs yearly on television and remains a favorite of young and old alike.

Children reading a Dr. Seuss book held a ticket to a magic kingdom - a magic kingdom in which they could ride the Hoober-Bloob Highway, "Hop on Pop", and ask such thought provoking questions as "Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?"

Seuss' stories combined music-like rhythmic patterns and whimsical animation into timeless treasures. His stories were filled with unusual characters which, even if they didn't exist, certainly seemed like they ought to. What child wouldn't want the "Cat in the Hat" to come to their home on a rainy day and entertain them while mom and dad are away?

Though his stories were fun, Dr. Seuss' books almost always had a message hidden amongst the mayhem. They were subtle messages yet much more effective than the ones which hit you over the head in the "Fun With Dick and Jane" books.

Another endearing quality to Dr. Seuss was that his stories never talked down to

Dr. Seuss: a childhood friend comes to an end

children. If anything, they often talked "up" to adults. In "Green Eggs and Ham," for instance, Sam-I-Am tries to get a reluctant adult to try green eggs and ham instead of keeping his nose buried in the newspaper. The message? Don't be afraid to try new things just because they are different. You might actually like them. It is a lesson we all should be reminded of now and again.

Dr. Seuss published 47 books in his life-time. The last one, "Oh, the Places You'll Go" was published in 1990. Unbeknownst to many people, Dr. Seuss also published two books for adults, "The Seven Lady Godivas" in 1937 and "You're Only One Once" in 1986.

In paying tribute to this writer and educator par excellence the el Don encourages you to dig out your old copies of Dr. Seuss. Read them to your children, grandchildren or younger brothers and sisters. Watch the magic live again in their eyes.

To paraphrase one of Seuss' most famous stories:

We Do! We do like Dr. Seuss, Sam-I-Am!
 And we would read him in a boat.
 And we would read him with a goat.
 And we would read him in the rain.
 And in the dark. And on a train.
 And in a car. And in a tree.
 His stories are so good, you see!

So we would read him in a box.
 And we would read him with a fox.
 And we would read him in a house.
 And we would read him with a mouse.
 And we would read him here and there.
 Say! We would read him ANYWHERE!

Rest in peace old friend.



Reviews...

On the Screen

Paris Is Burning

Reviewed By Renee Roc McGill
el Don Staff Writer

Blockbuster films often reach their financial climax by appealing to their viewers with more than just an entertaining story-line; they also provide their audience with an escape from reality by focusing on a fantasy.

Some films weren't made to become a blockbuster or to provide a temporary escape. They were produced instead to guide their viewers into the pit of reality, a place that houses the outcasts of society.

"Paris Is Burning," a film about black gay drag queens living in Harlem, dares to venture into such a place. Produced and directed by Jennie Livingston, the film's raw, documentary-style footage enhances the credibility of its subjects and presents itself as an educational tool about a lifestyle that exists within our society.

Forced underground because the heterosexual world views them as "disgusting freaks" these people have survived by establishing a unique culture consisting of their own power structure, lingo, and social gatherings.

Livingston shows her audience that although these men may express themselves differently, they really are no different from heterosexuals.

They, too, desire success as models and entertainers, as parents and family units, and as lovers and partners. Yet they feel that they have been treated unfairly, that society refuses to acknowledge them seriously because of who they are.

Unless they actively pursue and remain focused on their dreams, each day pushes them farther away from their goals. As one person said in the film, "I once hoped of becoming a big star. But as I got older, my ambitions got smaller. I'm just thankful to still be alive."

"Paris Is Burning" forces its audience to look at Harlem's gay community with a sensitive and understanding eye. The film, however, discourages sympathy or pity. It simply awakens the viewer to the struggles these men must overcome in order to survive.

Films like "Paris Is Burning" may not reach chart-busting figures or make spectacular amounts of money, but they do make a difference in how they affect their viewer's lives.

Sometimes an audience needs to be reminded that equal opportunity must exist for everyone. And if a film can exploit itself as a means of educating while entertaining, then maybe filmmaking of this type will become the next big hit.

On the Page

Parliament of Whores: A Lone Humorist Tries To Explain the Entire U.S. Government

Reviewed by F. Colin Kingston
el Don News Editor

"Parliament of Whores", currently No. 5 on the national best-seller list, is what every high school and college civics book should be, but isn't - fun to read, informative and, above all, based on reality.

Author P.J. O'Rourke is the White House correspondent for Rolling Stone magazine - yes, Rolling Stone magazine. O'Rourke has written three previous best-selling books, "Modern Manners," "Holidays in Hell," and "Republican Party Reptile." "Parliament" is the best of the lot.

In researching "Parliament," O'Rourke spent two years

in Washington D.C. studying our political system and how it really operates. The key to the book's success is that it examines our system of government itself rather than the various players involved. The players (i.e. members of congress, political appointees etc.) change almost daily but the system endures, much to the author's lament.

O'Rourke's wit is biting and satirical. There is no mistaking his conservative beliefs, and he does not hesitate to share them with you. He is fair-minded however. No political party or belief is safe from his.

The preface, which sets the tone for the entire book, is entitled, "Why God is a Republican and Santa Claus is a Democrat." O'Rourke concludes his preface by saying, "Santa Claus is preferable to God in every way but one: There's no such thing as Santa Claus."

This book is not the stuff of idyllic pie-in-the-sky civics books. It details how things really get done. For instance, the section covering the federal budget and deal-making is entitled, "Would You Kill Your Mother to Pave I-95?" Another on the savings and loan crisis is entitled, "Sending the Chickens to Watch the Hen House."

The conclusion of his book? "Every government is a parliament of whores. The trouble is, in a democracy the whores are us." Buy it. Read it. Give it as gift. You won't regret it.

Title: "A Parliament of Whores: A Lone Humorist Attempts to Explain the Entire U.S. Government"

Author: P.J. O'Rourke

Publisher: Atlantic Monthly Press

Price: \$15.96 at Crown Books

Who Should Read This Book?

Anyone interested in politics, current events or just plain fun reading.

On the Stage

A Shayna Maidel

Reviewed By William Stewart Thomblison
el Don Opinion Editor

RSC's Professional Acting Company has found a vehicle worthy of its talents in Barbara LeBow's *A Shayna Maidel*.

Kristin H. Schnee and Betsy Ferguson were particularly well-cast as Rose Weiss and Lusia Weiss Pechenik. There is just enough physical resemblance between the actresses to make us believe they might be long-lost sisters. Unfortunately, although Ralph Richmond and Alice Ensor play their parts well, it is much harder to believe that they could be the girls' parents.

The main action of the play takes place in Rose Weiss's one-bedroom apartment in New York City, shortly after World War II. Rose is pleased when her ecstatic father (played by Ralph Richmond) announces that he has found her sister but upset when he says that she will share her one-bedroom apartment. The two young women, however, quickly become friends, as Rose teaches Lusia English and learns about her mother and her Jewish heritage from Lusia.

Gradually, through the young women's conversations, dream sequences, and flashbacks, we learn how the girls were separated (when the family was to immigrate, Lusia came down with scarlet fever, so she and her mother stayed behind), how Lusia and her mother managed in rural Poland while waiting in vain for Lusia's father to send them to America, that Lusia had married and had had a baby, and that she had been in a concentration camp.

Rose, safe in America with her father, insulated by him from the Great Depression and the war, would seem to have been a lot luckier than Lusia. But she feels cut-off from her past and her heritage (she doesn't even remem-

ber her mother, or her mother-tongue, Yiddish). Part of her wants to be more like her older sister--or, perhaps, to become her. In one scene, she tries-on Lusia's tattered Red-Cross-donated robe, in another, after noticing Lusia's prison-camp tatoos, she writes numbers on her own arm. Rose's motive here is unclear--does she feel jealous? Sympathetic? Guilty? Does she want to somehow ease Lusia's suffering by taking some of it upon herself? Does she feel cheated of her heritage by having been isolated from the suffering that too often has been the lot of the Jew?

Lusia is resentful--of her father, for failing to rescue her and her mother from Europe, of her mother, for refusing to save herself when she had the chance, perhaps even of herself, for surviving when so many others--her mother, her daughter, her best-friend, a long list of other relatives, millions of other Jews, perhaps even her husband--died. In several scenes, she refuses to wear a warm coat, screaming in one scene that she wants to be cold--like the corps.

The presentation is marred by poor sound. A baby on stage is heard crying off-stage, from a speaker. In fact, all of the sound effects were heard through the same speakers, regardless of where the sound was supposed to be coming from. The sound of water running into a tub was full of irritating gaps. Several of the sound effects were unidentifiable without the help of the actors on stage. Every time a speaker goes on, the suspension of disbelief the actors had worked so hard to create, is broken. Whatever happened to mechanical sound effects?

The program is poorly designed. The inside pages are set in a sans serif type, mostly all caps, often bold-faced or underlined to boot, making them very difficult to read.

A *Shayna Maidel* will be presented tonight and Saturday at 8:00 and Sunday at 2:00. All performances are at Phillips Hall. For ticket information, call 564-5661.

A Shayna Maidel by Barbara LeBow
Directed by Sheryl Donchey

Rose Weiss....Kristen H. Schnee
Mordechai Weiss....Ralph Richmond
Lusia Weiss Pechenik....Betsy Ferguson
David Pechenik....William Mengle
Hanna....Candice Livengood
Mama....Alice Ensor

Scenic Design....E. Scott Shaffer
Lighting Design....Manique L'Heureux
Costume Design....Laura E. Deremer
Sound and Original Music....Darrin J. Degenhardt

Save this date....

America's Funniest Fund-raiser

Rancho Santiago College will hold its 10th Annual Television Tribute with a new twist. Instead of the T.V. classics seen in years past like *Lassie*, *Candid Camera*, *Mr. Ed* and *Batman* they will be honoring a current show which is sure to be a classic, "America's Funniest Home Videos." AFHV has definitely changed the way American's view television, after all, each of us has the opportunity to appear on the show and share funny moments in our lives with the audience.

AFHV executive producer and creator Vin Di Bona will be present. Unfortunately, due to a prior engagement, the series host, Bob Saget, will not be able to attend the tribute in person. Saget will, however, send his own "home video" message to the RSC audience.

The tribute will offer prizes and information on how you can submit your video to the show and be eligible for the \$100,000 grand prize. Other prizes will include a day on the "AFHV" set with Di Bona and Saget, autographed scripts, T-shirts, and video tapes from the program.

The tribute will be held at Phillips Hall on the main RSC campus. Donations are \$10 per ticket and parking is free. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The show begins at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Advanced tickets are available by calling the RSC Box Office at 564-5661. For more information call 564-5600 from 8 am to 5 pm. All donations will benefit the RSC Telecommunications Department Scholarship and Production fund.

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THEY SAID IT...

"The (RSC) athletic department is making a statement that they are supporting women's athletics, and that they want to do more with the program..."

Fran Cummings, RSC's first year women's volleyball coach

IT'S A FACT

10th year RSC Head Football Coach Dave Ogas with a record of 52-42-1 is just one victory shy of tying Dick Gorrie as the second-winningest coach in the school's history.

Dan Tratensek
Intangibles
wreaking
havoc on
Dons' season

Normally, when an offense averages 35.3 points per game, gain an average of 100 yards more than their opponents and control the ball for a significantly greater time, even a mediocre defense can keep the contest close.

Well, the Dons have, at least, a mediocre defense. In fact, when they're healthy, RSC's defense looks, arguably, good. Yet, the Dons have trudged through their last two losing efforts without so much as gaining the lead.

So, why is it that Dave Ogas' team seems to stumble when they face stiff competition?

Let's look at the situation.

In the Dons' last two games they have yielded 78 points to their opponents. The most obvious conclusion you could draw from these stats would be that the defense was doing a poor job. However, the Dons' D is not really the core of the problem.

In fact, looking at the totals for the season, RSC has outscored their opponents 106-78.

So, why aren't the Dons able to put it all together and win in big games?

It's simple.

They're suffering from that crazy disease called "intangibles."

You hear the word "intangibles" bandied around a lot by coaches and sports writers who are trying to account for something that can't be accounted for.

Intangibles are the little things that you can't practice or even control. Things like a defender tripping and blowing a key tackle, an injury throwing off a cornerback's timing on a route or a QB's pass getting tipped into an interception.

Coaches understand that these things are going to occur and usually they hope that fate is smiling in their direction.

Well, Coach Ogas and his team haven't not found themselves on fate's good side lately.

The two Don losses have been wrought with these little impalpable occurrences and for the most part, they have cost the Dons the games.

Maybe, you can't blame the intangibles alone for the Dons' inability to win the 'big ones' but they have done enough to throw the Dons' timing off and turn the first weeks of the Dons' season into a debacle.

Possibly the most unfortunate and frustrating part to this plague is that there is nothing a team can do to force itself out of it.

The Dons have no choice but to weather the storm and hope that, in the near future, fate will smile in their direction and the intangibles will go their way.

Dons slide, drop two straight

■ High rolling offense can't pull RSC out of slump

By Ev Phillips
el Don Staff Writer

EDDIE WEST FIELD, Santa Ana - El Camino (2-2), taking advantage of Rancho Santiago's sloppy special teams play and two crucial first-half turnovers, jumped to an early lead and rolled to a 48-33 win over the Dons in a Mission Conference game Saturday night.

Just as they had the week before in a 30-24 loss to Mt. SAC, the Dons (1-2) fell behind early and were forced to play catch-up. Despite more heroics from QB Rich Fanti and wide receiver Trent Julian, who caught 11 passes for 167 yards, this one was also decided by halftime.

The fans had barely settled into their seats when the Warrior's Latario Rachel took the opening kickoff on his own three yard line, dodged a host of Don tacklers, then cut to the right sideline and ran unmolested into the end zone for a 97-yard touchdown.

The Dons tied it up with 4:36 left in the first quarter following a 6-play, 84-yard drive capped by a trick play from the El Camino 21. Fanti took the snap, laid the ball on the ground, a la fumblerooski. Right guard Antonio Gonzalez scooped it up and lumbered down the right sideline for the TD. That's as close as the Dons would get.

On the ensuing kickoff, Dan Katoa returned the ball to the RSC 41. Five plays later, Mark Harper exploded 12 yards up the middle for the first of his four TDs on the night. Harper led all rushers with 145 yards on 30 carries.

Trailing 13-7 starting the second quarter, the Dons completely self-destructed when a fumble by Preston Patterson and an interception of a Fanti pass led to two more El Camino touchdowns. The Warriors led 26-7 with 3:27 left in the half and never looked back.

Going into the game, Dons' head coach Dave Ogas expected a high-scoring affair.

Sports Shorts

Runners finish at front of pack

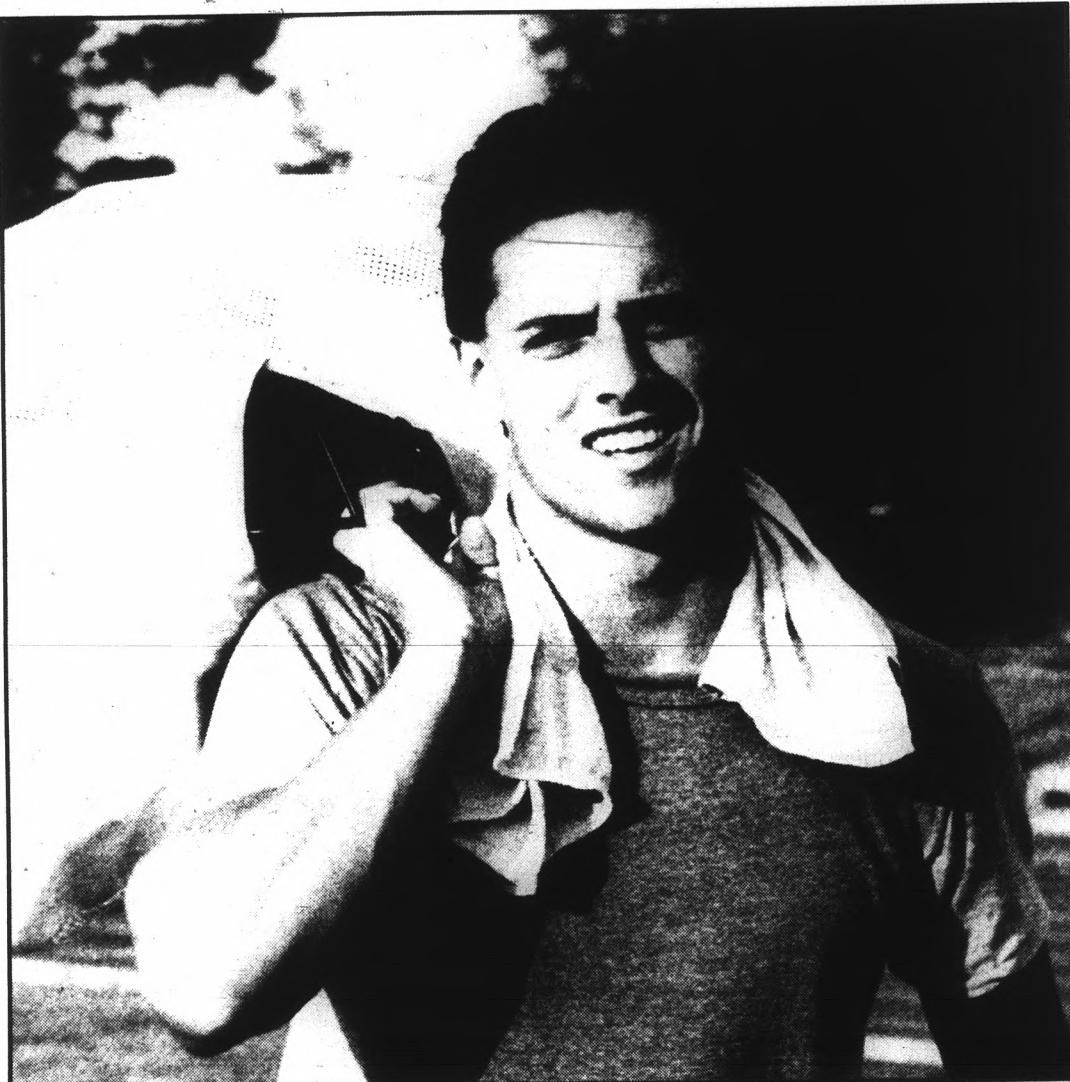
The RSC men and women's cross country teams competed on Oct. 4 in the Irvine Invitational held at Irvine Park in the city of Orange.

The men's cross country team finished third, 13 points behind San Diego Mesa and El Camino.

Competition included over a hundred and fifty runners from men's cross country teams county wide. RSC's Osvaldo Serno had run the four-mile course in just over twenty minutes -- sixth best for the meet, an average of five minutes per mile.

The women's cross country team finished in the middle of a 25-team field.

For the women, the course was three miles and Norma Martin was the



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CATCH IT - Wide Receiver Trent Julian has proven to be QB Rich Fanti's favorite target this season. Julian leads the Dons in receiving, all-purpose running and scoring.

What he didn't expect was a complete breakdown on special team assignments and the early turnovers.

"We've been real good on special teams," he said. "We're going to have to go back and really revamp things... we're just not doing a very good job right now."

"After the opening kickoff, it just went downhill from there... then we turned the ball over crucially in the first half and that really hurt us. That put our defense on the ten yard line... (and) you just can't ask them to do that."

Down 32-14 at halftime, Fanti rallied the Dons with an 11-play, 74-yard scoring drive on the first series of the third quarter, Juan Valle cutting the lead to 32-20 on a one-yard run. However, the Warriors put the game out of reach when punter Bryon Hammons, on a

fourth down and seven at the RSC 37, faked a punt and fired a TD pass to wide-open Andrew Alvillar for an insurmountable 39-20 lead with 3:30 left in the quarter.

Fanti finished with 22 of 30 for 306 yards and two touchdowns. The 11 catches by Julian were one short of the school record held by Tim Golia in a 1980 game against Rio Hondo. The Dons had 27 first downs to El Camino's 25. The Dons also out gained the Warriors in total offense 496 yards to 403, and led in time of possession 33:09 to 26:51. But, as was the case last week, Don miscues and loose defensive play told the real story.

RSC meets Long Beach City College in a 7 p.m. contest Saturday at Eddie West Field, the Dons' final game before beginning the crucial Central Division schedule.

mounted last year and this with only three returning sophomores.

According to Gaughran, the team is looking to build a foundation this year and hopefully become competitive with some of the stronger teams in the conference next season.

Right now, Sophomore Mark Delvaux is the team's leading scorer with 61 goals and Freshman goalie "Magic" Ahmadi has the highest number of saves in the state.

The Dons play Cypress today at Cypress and their next home game is Oct. 17 against Palomar.

Editor's Note...

Because of a production error the second half of Dan Tratensek's article on the Dons' soccer team will appear in the next issue of *el Don*.

-Compiled by *el Don* Sports Staff

Setting the stage for next season

Fran Cummings and her women's volleyball team are taking time this season to hone their skills for the future.

By Renee Roc McGill
el Don Staff Writer

Plagued by a shortage of women athletes this season, first-year volleyball coach Fran Cummings is concentrating on molding her team into a top contender for future conference play.

She and her team believe that this season must be used as a learning experience by which they can reinforce the basics and lay the foundation for their upcoming successes.

Cummings said, "We're just trying to have a successful, positive experience so we can add to it next year when we get a few more athletes out."

By focusing on and strengthening the mental and physical strategies of their game, Cummings hopes to construct a more competitive edge for next year.

"I'm not looking to win the conference in the next couple of years," Cummings said, "but I definitely want to get competitive and be able to finish in the top three."

Outside hitter Ana Cante said, "We'll be a stronger team next year because we know what to expect from each other and from Fran."

Cummings believes that volleyball at the collegiate level is a game of experience. She incorporates her philosophy into coaching by encouraging her players to learn and understand the reasons behind the strategies.

She said, "A lot of what we've done is not just the physical training. I try to teach the team the mental side, and why we do certain things. I think the team is

learning more about volleyball, and that in turn will make them smarter volleyball players."

Elizabeth Herrera, an outside hitter, said, "Fran wants us to ask her a lot of questions so we can learn more."

Cante added, "When we play games, we have to be prepared mentally more than physically. We have to know what's happening on our side of the court and the other side, so we can use that to our advantage."

Many of the team players believe that communicating on the court is a major influence in stimulating motivation and achieving success.

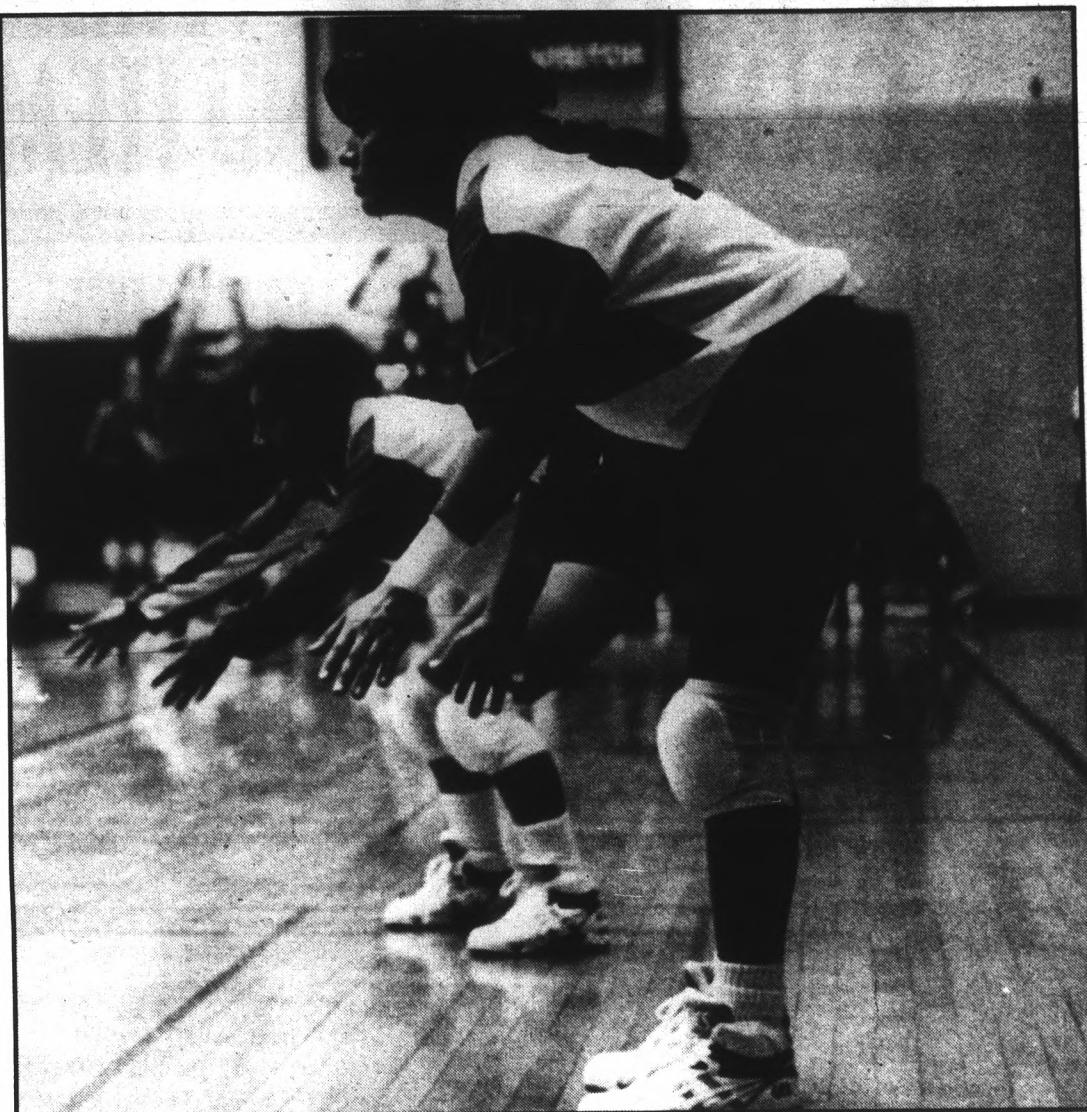
"Communication is very important," Herrera said. "Communicating lets each of us know that we're still up, and we're still playing as a team. You can also psych out the other team by constantly talking."

Although Cummings feels that the team is improving, she must still overcome their height disadvantage by reinforcing their defensive abilities.

"We've got a very short team," she said. "We really have only two girls who can legitimately get their hands over the net and block the ball. To overcome that, we've got to play better defense out of the back row."

Lilia Ramirez, a setter, believes that improvements, whether offensively or defensively, occur as the players begin feeling more comfortable with each other.

"We've improved a lot once we got used to each other," Ramirez said. "Because we were all new to the volleyball team,



the first game we played we kept running into each other."

Cummings added, "Our defense has been improving a lot. It's not where I want it, but they have learned a lot. And the neat thing is, from a coaching standpoint, a lot of things we work on at practice you can see happen during a game. You can see what's been taught is translating into game situations."

Cummings coached previously full-time at California State University at Fullerton for nine years and at Saddleback College for two years before joining the Rancho staff.

She decided to coach at Santa Ana because the full-time position would provide the opportunity to develop a strong women's athletic program.

"It's more of an advantage as a coach to be a full-time person on staff," Cummings

said. "You can do a better job of recruiting and a better job of getting the continuity going in terms of getting athletes to come here from high schools in the district." By hiring new full-time women's volleyball, basketball, and softball coaches, Cummings feels that "The athletic department is making a statement that they are supporting women's athletics, and that they want to do more with the program.

"Now it's a matter of us carrying the word out to the high schools. But people will know that because the continuity will be here, and that makes all the difference."

The team will play Cypress today in their second conference game of the season. Prior to conference play, Rancho's record was 1-5.

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Soccer RSC at Orange Coast 3 p.m.
Water Polo RSC at Cypress 3:30 p.m.
Women's Volleyball Cypress at RSC 7 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 12

X-Country Santa Barbara Invitational 9 a.m.
Water Polo Long Beach Tournament ALL DAY
Wrestling Bakersfeild Tournament ALL DAY
Football Long Beach at RSC 7 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 15

Soccer RSC at Golden West 3 p.m.
Water Polo RSC at San Diego Mesa 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 16

Women's Volleyball RSC at Riverside 7 p.m.
Wrestling East LA College at RSC 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 17

Water Polo Palomar at RSC 3:30 p.m.

Friday Oct. 18

Soccer Fullerton at RSC 3 p.m.
Wrestling RSC at Rio Hondo 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 19

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Women's Volleyball Saddleback Tourney 9 a.m.
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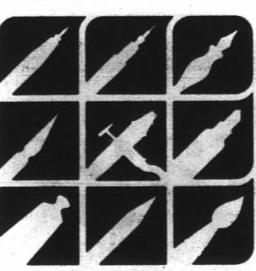
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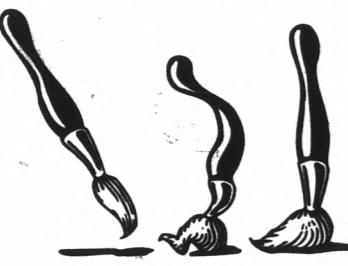
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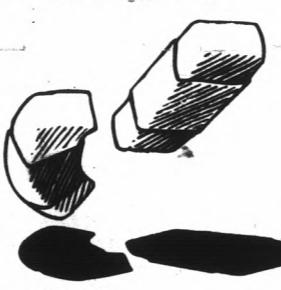


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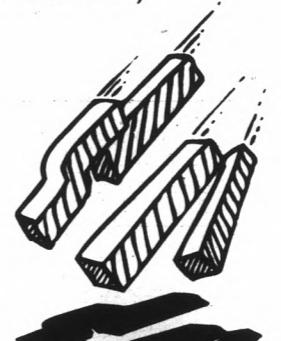
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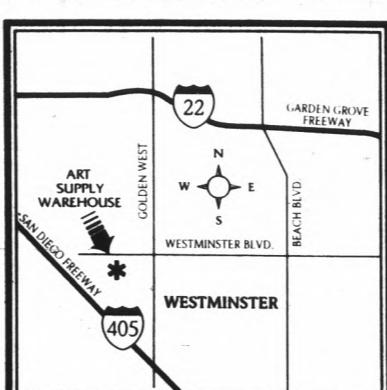
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